

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization,
2 the method comprising steps of:
3 processing at least two of an activity entry, a task entry, a resource entry,
4 and a system entry;
5 mapping together at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the
6 resource entry, and the system entry; and
7 generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to
8 at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry.

1 2. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of attributing overhead
3 expenses to the organization as a whole.

1 3. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the resource entry is associated with at least
3 one system entry.

1 4. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 1, wherein:
3 at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the
4 system entry is derived from a template; and
5 the template is not produced by an end user.

1 5. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of retrieving at least one of
3 the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry from a
4 predefined template.

1 6. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a
3 project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

1 7. A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization,
2 the method comprising steps of:

3 processing a task entry before entry of any historical information for the
4 organization;
5 processing a resource entry;
6 correlating the task entry to the resource entry;
7 generating a forward-looking report using at least one of the task entry and
8 the resource entry.

1 8. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing an activity
3 entry.

1 9. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing a system entry.

1 10. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step of determining a demand for
3 the system entry for an activity volume.

1 11. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 7, wherein the forward-looking report is chosen from the
3 group consisting of: a head count report, a multi-year projection, and an activity-based
4 costing report.

1 12. The method for activity-based business modeling for the
2 organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising steps of:
3 processing an activity entry; and
4 processing a system entry, wherein:
5 at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry,
6 and the resource entry is derived from a template; and
7 the template is not produced by an end user.

1 13. An activity-based business modeling program product for an
2 organization, the program product comprising:
3 code for processing at least two of an activity entry, a task entry, a
4 resource entry, and a system entry;

5 code for mapping together at least two of the activity entry, the task entry,
6 the resource entry, and the system entry;
7 code for generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and
8 related to at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the
9 system entry; and
10 a machine-readable medium comprising the codes.

1 14. The activity-based business modeling program product for the
2 organization as recited in claim 13, further comprising code for attributing overhead
3 expenses to the organization as a whole.

1 15. The activity-based business modeling program product for the
2 organization as recited in claim 13, wherein the resource entry is associated with at least
3 one system entry.

1 16. The activity-based business modeling program product for the
2 organization as recited in claim 13, wherein:
3 at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the
4 system entry is derived from a template; and
5 the template is not produced by an end user.

1 17. The activity-based business modeling program product for the
2 organization as recited in claim 13, further comprising code for retrieving at least one of
3 the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry from a
4 predefined template.

1 18. The activity-based business modeling program product for the
2 organization as recited in claim 13, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a
3 project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.